Religion

Are Ministers losing faith

Religious Influence Diminished

With some notable exceptions, America's clergyman are a pretty discouraged lot.

Their calling calls for more than what meets the natural eye.

Ministers haven't lost faith in God. And they remain convinced that Americans desperately need the spiritual values and the perspective on life that can be ganed from true religion.

Broken Dishearted

These figures may be surprising to you. 43 per cent of the Jewish rabbis, 32 per cent of the Protestant ministers and 23 per cent of the Catholic priest are so disheartened about their work they have seriously considered leaving religious life.

A look into these insights into the attitudes and feelings of today's clergy come from a recent nationwide survey by the Gallys Organization. The findings have been made available to religious leaders and commentators in a report entitled "Religion in America, 1971."

Giving Up

Jesus Christ as He hung on the cross cried out "Father, Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?" This may seem to many that the whole human experiment had failed. That even the Son of God had given up on the human experiment. The Master Craftsman, however, just could not give up on "His highest creation."

Giving up why?-- The demoralization of the clergy is reflected not only in the high percentages who have considered giving up the ministry, but also in their responses to a question about whether religion is an increasing or decreasing influences in American life.

Six out of 10 expressed the view that religion is a waning influence on human conduct.

When asked to give reasons for their discouragement, they cited declining church attendance; widespread evidence of public indifference to moral and spiritual values; growing materialism; and lack of public concern about righting the wrongs of contemporary society.

Adam Clayton Powell, Archie Ball Carey, Martin Spence (writer for the Oregon Journal) Ellis Casson, Larry Odom and Lonnie Wormely all wanted to quit the ministry but found out that they just couldn't quit all together.

All these men found out that even though you may not be in an active pastor of a congregation there are other forms of God's ministry. Spence does in his writing and by telling both side of the story. Ellis Casson through civil rights, Larry Odom maybe would have been the next Black Mayor of Newark New Jersey but these men still have that urge to preach even through a column of paper, through fighting for the underdog in civil or political right.

Congregation Vain

A 47 year old Episcopal minister said "my congregation has been demanding, vain and petty," He futher stated that, "They are too concerned with their individual needs and desires."

"I feel I probably could do more for humanity in some other field," said a California Rabbi.

"I am frustrated with people who wear religion like a badge but never grasp its essentials. I wonder what I'm really accomplishing," said a young Catholic padre.

"It is becoming increasingly, hard to really make an imprint, said an AME clergy.

John Jackson, minister of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church said, "Without emotionalism in the Black Church we too would feel like it is to no avail."

Putting it all together, it would appear that laymen who ask what's driving so many clergymen to despair can be given a brief and categorical answer:

You are.

Around the Church

By Tony Marshall

PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH: Miracle Time Crusade begin june 2, til 13, conducted by Rev. John Corbin of Berkley, California. Each night a special prayer for the sick. Service nightly 8:00. The church is located on the corner of Mason and Garifield.

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MARANATHA EVANGELISTIC CENTER: Operation 'MOP' will begin on June 10th and run till the 13th, at the church on 13th & Skidmore. 'MOP' stands for the Mission Outreach Project of the church. 'MOP's' purpose is to acquaint members and friends of Maranatha with the various programs functioning to reach and win souls to Christ.

Thursday through Saturday will be nights packed with Mission information for you. Leaders from all Auxiliaries will be on hand to inform you of our present outreach and what you can do to help.

Be on hand to find your place in God's Plan.

Meetings start at 7:P.M. each night with special Missions Emphasis on Sunday morning and evening.*

*Please note that services will be held at Jefferson High School on that Sunday. The public is asked to attend any of the meetings. Sis. Colleen Banks.

AMA seeks Child care

The Albina Ministerial Alliance announced that it has applied to the Metropolitan Area 4-C Council to subcontract for the 4-C Family Day and Night Care Program for the Model Cities area. Metropolitan Area 4-C Council is the prime contractor for the Model Cities Comprehensive Child Care Component, and subcontracts the individual projects to child care or community organizations.

Existing sub-contracts are: Berean Child Care Center, which operates centers for children ages 3 - 5 at Hughes Memorial Methodist Church, Berean Baptist Church, and will open a center at Woodlawn Methodist Church; Bethel AME Church which will open a Child Care Center at Bethel Church; Hughes Memorial Methodist Church, which operates the Emergency Child Care Center at the Multi-Service Center ; and the Portland Public Schools, which have after school child care in the Model Cities area schools.

If AMA's request is approved by 4-C, AMA will be the sub-contractor for the Family Day and Night Care Progrm, which is being temporarily operated by the Metropolitan Area 4-C Council because a subcontractor was not available when the program began in December of 1970. The Family Day and Night Care Program provides child care in certified family homes for 165 children who are under the age of three or who are unable to adjust to a group care setting because of emotional, intellectual or physical handicaps, and children under 14 who need night care. The program is funded by Model Cities and federal matching funds.

The Churches

Getting acquainted with Hopspital Resources was part of program during five-week series of workshops on hospital ministry sponsored by the Albina Ministerial Alliance at Emanuel Hospital; participants included, from left, Elder Sylvester Green III; Rev. John H. Jackson; Rev. Thomas L. Strayhand; Rev. Rozell Gilmore; Leland Brown, Emanuel Medical technologist, demonstrating laboratory equipment; Rev. Adolph A. Wells, Emanuel Temple; Rev. William F. Adix, Emanuel chaplain; Elder Tom Noffa.

Albina Ministers participate in Emanuel workshop session

Seven members of the Albina Ministerial Alliance on June 3 participated in a formal presentation ceremony which concluded a series of five workshops in hospital ministry held at Emanuel Hospital.

The workshops were sponsored by the A.M.A. as part of a program of continuing education for members; they met four - hour Saturday morning sessions which began in April and ended May 20.

Emphasis was on hospital facilities, resources, and organizations, as well as on the specialized needs of hospitalized parishioners.

Walter C. Reynolds, M.D., president of the Emanuel Medical Staff, discussed "Physicians and Pastors" during one session; at the next, Mrs. Edith O'Donoghue, R.N., and Mrs. Dorothy J. Seim, R.N., discussed "Nurses and Pastors." The Rev. William F. Adix, D.D., Emanuel chaplain, talked about "Ministry in Crisis and Counseling" and "Ministry to Terminal Patients;" the Rev. Thomas Strayhand discussed "Follow-Up Care and Rehabilitation" at the final session.

Certificates were presented June 3 to participants who included Elder Tom Noffa, Church of the Living God; Rev. Adolph A. Wells Emanuel Temple; Rev. Rozell Gilmore, Berean Baptist; Elder Sylvester Green III, Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal; Rev. John H. Jackson, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

Bethel child Development Center to open

Bethel AME Church will open its Child Care Center during the week of June 14th. The center, which will provide full day care for thirty children, ages 3 through 5, is funded through the Metropolitan Area 4-C Council with Model Citie funds and othr federal matching monies.

The center will combine an "Ethnic School" with the traditional child development program. The Ethnic School supplements Western Eureopean tradition with Afro-American tradition and places the two traditions in supplementary relationships. It provides experiences for building strong self-image, self-respect and self-understanding. It teaches "Black love" without teaching "white hate". It is a learning experience that enriches the teachers as well as the students.

The program is intended to combat attitudes of Black inferiority, hostility and self-hatred prevalent in youngsters growing up in low-income areas infested with poverty and neglect. It is the intent of the program to help young children see themselves as the product of ancient black cultures as well as productive and successful people. The television, radio, books and other media do not provide positive heroes with which this child can identify. Thus, we seek to provide a cultural background to generate pride and self-confidence. Self-hood and person-hood for Blacks can be achieved only by teaching both Afro-American and Western European traditions.

The program is open to all children, regardless of race and religion, who are residents of the Model Cities area.

The program will also include the Sullivan Programmed Reading Readiness Program developed by the Behavioral Research Laboratories of Palo Alto, Calif. This material has been specifically produced to prepare children for their first exposure to formal learning. The children are taught direction, spatial concepts, colors, the alphabet and sound-symbol relationships. Research involving the use of these materials in Ocean hill- Brownsville in New York indicates that remarkable gains can be demonstrated. Models for the combination of the Ethnic school and Sullivan Programmed Reading materials are Grant AME, Los Angeles in 1968 and the Educational Growth Organization (Watts) in 1969-1970.

(left to right) Mrs. Russell Dawson, Mrs. June Terry and Mrs. Lenore Morris during Women's Day activities. Mrs. Russell Dawson was the guest speaker and Mrs. Terry and Mrs. Morris were co-chairmen.

BREAD OF LIFE

By Rev. A. Purnell Bailey

One of my teachers once said that he had the perfect way for a young woman to become rich quickly: "Marry a rich young man!" The two become one; the riches of one become the wealth of both.

The supreme example of this is what happens to a man when he falls in love with the Master —the only man of true wealth. He soon has His love, His unselfishness, His honesty, His purity. Where else can one find such riches bestowed so lavishly? We indeed receive His righteousness — not self-righteousness.

Rich men tend to travel in the company of wealthy men, so it is with those who would be rich in spiritual things; they soon find the company of those going in the same direction. When you take your child to church he receives more than the words from the Sunday School teacher or a pastor: he becomes infected with the contagiousness of your spiritual hunger.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. (Psalm 23:3)

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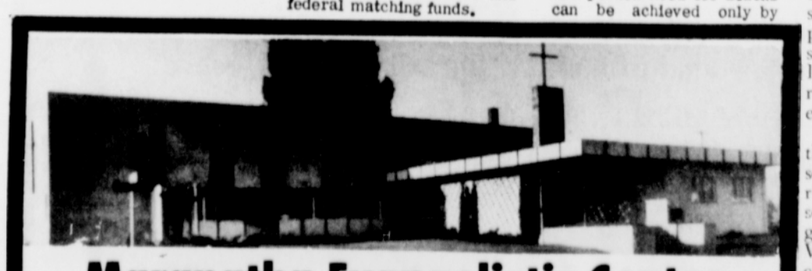
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